

U.S. Application Serial No. 10/666,541
Amendment After Final dated November 21, 2005
In response to Final Office Action dated September 20, 2005

REMARKS

Claims 1-40 are in this application.

Claims 1, 4, 9, 26, 27, 30, and 40 have been amended.

Claims 1-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US 6,514,667 to Angelopoulos et al., herein after "Angelopoulos."

Applicants have amended claims 1, 4, 9, 26, 27, 30, and 40 by changing the "open" transition language "comprising" to a "closed" transition expression "consisting of." Thus, the instant claims, as amended, exclude compositions that contain "C."

The instantly claimed compositions do not have carbon and, as a result, the resulting films are water-soluble.

In contrast, Angelopoulos et al. discloses a layer having the formula $RCHX$ wherein R is selected from the group consisting of Si, Ge, B, Sn, Fe, Ti and combinations thereof and wherein X is not present or is selected from the group consisting of O, N, S and F.

Clearly, the compositions and films of Angelopoulos et al. require a carbon, as indicated by the formula "RCHX" shown herein above.

Accordingly, the instantly claimed compositions and films are different from those described by Angelopoulos et al. and, as such, claims 1-40 are allowable.

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Accordingly, the rejection of claims 1-40 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US 6,514,667 to Angelopoulos et al. should be withdrawn and claims 1-40 should be allowed.

In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-40.

Respectfully submitted,

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